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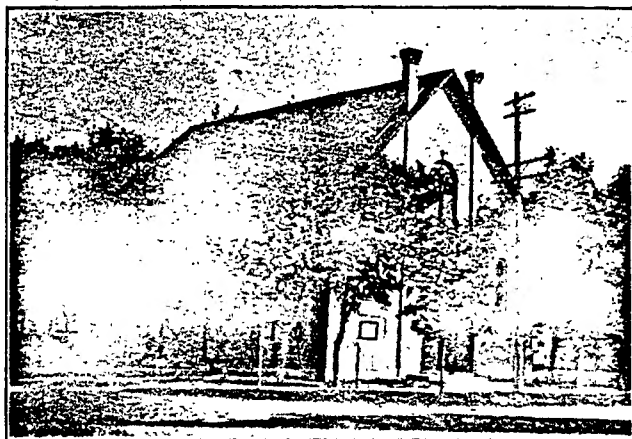
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Souvenir Booklet

- Containing a Short Synopsis of its Activities from
1881 to 1924

Dedication

To the faithful workers, both lay and clerical, who during the years have made their contribution to the successful history of the Neepawa Methodist Church, this book is gratefully dedicated.

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1886-1889



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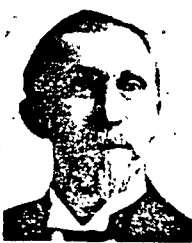
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1901-1904



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1915-1923

Foreward

The purpose of this booklet is to gather together in concrete form some data concerning the history and accomplishments of the Neepawa Methodist Church. On this our 43rd anniversary we look back over the years with devout thankfulness to God, and a justifiable pride when we consider the measure of success that has fallen to our lot. When next year we merge into the United Church of Canada, we will take with the other churches of Methodism a creditable quota of our denominational traditions and history, to find expression and continued success in this larger confraternity of these forces of Christendom.

A History of Neepawa Methodism

The first effort to permanently plant Methodism in this District was made shortly after the First Reil Rebellion.

The Methodist Conference then in Session at Toronto, sent Rev. Thomas Lawson, then a young man as a missionary into what was then called the Little Saskatchewan Valley. He established regular appointments at Salisbury, Honeyman's, Rapid City and Prairie City (now Minnedosa) visiting Shoal Lake and the sparsely settled country.

Rev. William Halstead then stationed at Portage la Prairie, visited the appointments and assisted in the work of organization. Subsequently the Chairman of the District, Rev. J. F. German, then a pastor in Winnipeg and Rev. W. R. Morrison, of Gladstone, came as a deputation of Missionaries. They with willing hands and earnest hearts ministered to the spiritual wants of the Methodist people. During this visit a Circuit Board was formed, at the House of Bro. M. E. Boughton. Rev. Thomas Lawson presided, assisted by Rev. W. R. Morrison. The Board were as follows,—

SALISBURY—Leader—Bro. Hugh Harley. Stewards—Bros. James Crawford, F. S. Woolhouse and M. E. Boughton.

THE MOUNTAIN—Leader—Bro. Jacob Brownell. Steward—Bro. Richard Bonney.

PRAIRIE CITY (now Minnedosa)—Leader—Bro. W. H. Ditch. Stewards—Bros. Thomas Harrison and Thompson Kirby.

RAPID CITY—Leader—Bro. J. H. Martin.

Recording Steward for the Circuit or Mission, M. E. Boughton.

The Missionary Society apportioned \$318.50 and the people \$81.50 toward the support of the missionary; the members were reported as twenty-four in number.

In 1879 the Conference divided the work, sending Rev. Thomas Lawson to Rapid City and Rev. J. Walton from Edmonton coming to Salisbury as the mission was then called. He opened up appointments at Stoney



John Law



Jas. McIntosh

The only members of the Trustee Board now resident in Neepawa, who were also members of the Trustee Board at the building of the present church edifice.



M. H. Fieldhouse

First Recording Steward of the
Neepawa Methodist Church.



R. H. Fusee

Present Recording Steward of
Neepawa Methodist Church.

"Loving memories of four happy years among a loyal people still linger. It was a great pleasure this summer to preach again from the old pulpit.

It becomes clearer to me every year that the only remedy for all the world's ills, is the religion of Christ."

—Rev. R. E. Spence, Killarney, Man.

"The beauty of the green hill far away, the peace and joy from the Sacred Mount, the glory of the upper room and the benediction of the heart of God found in real fellowship with the Saint of Galilee, is my wish for the old friends of Neepawa."

—Rev. John MacLean, Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man.

Creek, Hamilton's and Graham's, near where Neepawa now is situated. On August 12th, 1880, Rev. G. K. Adams arrived from Ontario and with that energy and perseverance (which has ever characterized him and his work) went to work and brought the Mission into good form, visiting the outlying appointments and homes of the people, preaching at such places as could be obtained. New appointments were opened at Fraser's, Van-Blaricom's and Tait's. Among his active helpers were Richard Halpenny, George Edwards, William Pockett and Robinson Hamilton. Bro. Adams was returned for a second year at the earnest request of the Official Board. At a meeting held at the Hamilton Appointment the name of the Mission was changed from Salisbury to Neepawa. And the names of Bros. Jno. A. Davidson, M. H. Fieldhouse and Frank Davidson were added to the Official Board.

During that year 1881, the first church in Neepawa was built, costing about \$1,300.00. The number of members reported in May, 1882, was thirty-nine. Bros. B. R. Hamilton, Nathaniel Churchill and John Edwards names now appear on record as Officials, there also appears a strong resolution recommending the Basis of Union between the different branches of the Methodist Church, which was shortly afterwards consummated. The first Union Annual Conference being held in Brandon.

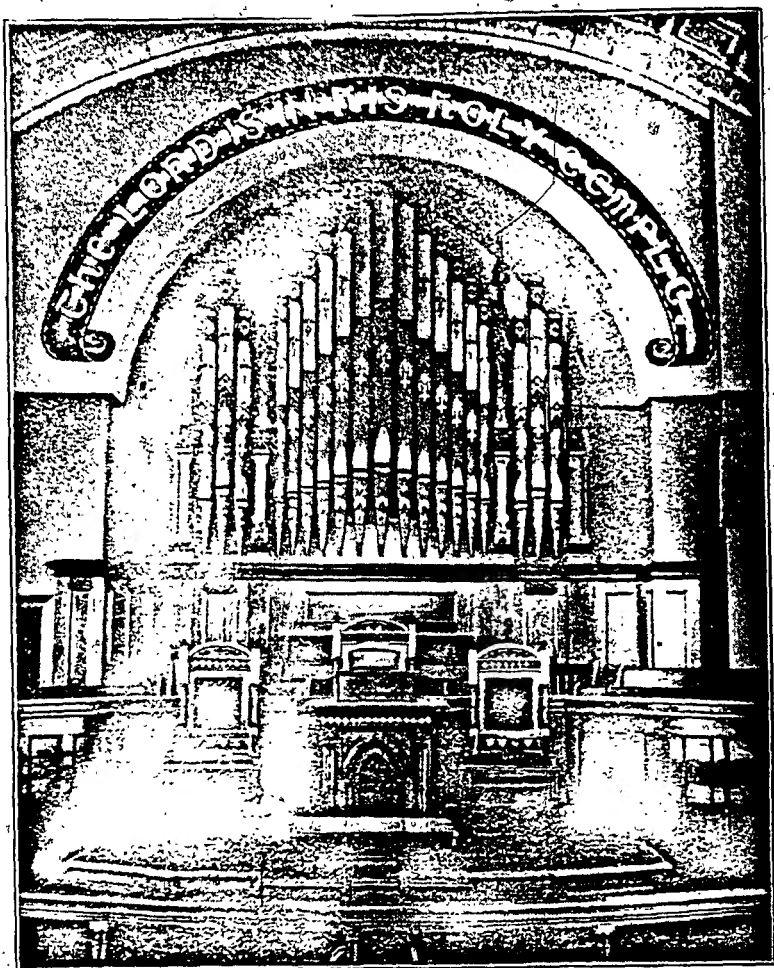
Following Rev. G. K. Adams was Rev. I. N. Robinson, who did well sustain the work of his predecessors, throwing his whole soul and energy into the Master's work. His first Official Board was held on July 8th, 1883; he labored faithfully for three years, covering nearly all the ground now occupied by the Neepawa, Franklin, Arden, Kelwood, Eden and Glendale Circuits, traveling long distances and preaching three and often four times every Sunday. We note from the trustee's record that Bro. Robinson left the Church in Neepawa free of all debt.

Rev. W. W. Colpitts succeeded Bro. Robinson in 1885 and on May 24th, 1887, the Circuit was divided, forming the Neepawa Circuit and the Lansdowne Mission. This transferred Bro. M. E. Boughton, the Recording Steward to Lansdowne; Bro. M. H. Fieldhouse was appointed Recording Steward in his place.

Bro. Colpitts pastorate was for four years, he proved to be a strong Gospel Preacher, a wise and sympathetic Friend, a good Pastor, endeared himself to all he

"My mind is filled with pleasant memories of my associations with Neepawa Church, let 2nd Chronicles 15 and 7 inspire you."

J. B. Mathers, Vancouver, B. C.



Interior of the Church, Showing Organ



T. H. Hannay, A. R. C. O.
Organist and Choir Master

came in contact with, it was during his pastorate that the present Parsonage was built at a cost of about \$1800.00.

Rev. John Stewart was our next Pastor. He was succeeded the following year by Rev. Thomas Argue. It was during the first two years of his Pastorate that the present Church was built. Costing between seven and eight thousand dollars, and shortly after the opening of the New Church the Evangelists Messrs. Crossley and Hunter conducted Revival Services. Methodism and the work of the Kingdom of Christ received an impetus which made Neepawa Methodist Church a very live institution and Neepawa a good place to be in. Bro. Argue ministered to us for four years, and was followed by Rev. J. J. Leach, and right royally did he do his Master's work, proving himself to be an eloquent and forceful Preacher, a faithful and devoted Christian Gentleman, beloved by all. But his Father in Heaven called him to be with Him on February 9th, 1896. The Rev. T. Jackson Wray supplied the work of Pastor till the Annual Conference when the mantle of Bro. Leach fell on his Friend, Bro. Rev. Dr. John MacLean, who laboured faithfully and forcefully for five years, accomplishing much good, leaving an impress of Faithfulness and Sterling Manhood on Town and District.

Bro. MacLean was followed by Rev. W. W. Abbott, a good Preacher, a good friend. A great many removals reduced the membership during his Pastorate of three rather trying years.

Bro. Abbott was followed by Rev. Wellington Bridgman, who brought to us a big warm heart, who readily enlisted the active co-operation of all workers constantly magnifying their smallest effort. During his term of four years pastorate, many were encouraged and induced to take an active part in Christian work. The Church property was cleared of all encumbrance and the pastor's salary raised higher than it had been for several years. Many alterations and repairs to the interior of the Church were also made, costing between three and four thousand dollars. This necessitated the placing of another mortgage on the Church (which has since been paid off). The changes made a great improvement in the appearance and comfort of the Church, and an invitation was extended to the Annual Conference to meet in Neepawa in 1906. The entertaining of the Conference

I remember with deepest pleasure a class meeting held in the Neepawa Church. The good that came to me through this class meeting has been an abiding source of strength through these years and my life as a minister of the Gospel has found steadiness and strength from what I learned there.

—Rev. Robt. Reid, Everett, Washington.

was a big undertaking for the congregation and the town of Neepawa. As this Conference was the one preceding the General Conference, it was a large one and notable for many things, not the least being the ordination of the largest class in the history of Manitoba Conference, composed of E. J. Carson, Hugh Dobson, S. East, H. W. Ferrier, J. D. Gregg, A. E. Oke, D. R. Patterson, R. G. Pritchard and W. W. Shoup. It is a coincidence worthy of note that in this year, when the Methodist Church merges into the greater United Church of Canada, Rev. R. G. Pritchard is pastor of this church in which he was ordained.

Bro. Bridgman was followed by Rev. F. B. Stacey, whose sermons were always deeply spiritual, sane, practical, scholarly and helpful to his hearers. During the second year of his ministry, Bro. Stacey decided to go to B. C. and resigned the pastorate at the close of the year. He was followed by Rev. F. W. Locke, who stayed with us one short year, but one in which he endeared himself to all, and built up the church and congregation, who were exceedingly sorry when he accepted a call to Alberta and applied for a transfer. At the earnest desire of the Official Board, Bro. Locke consented to withdraw his acceptance and remain, if the transfer could be stopped. The Board at once took up the matter with Dr. Carman, but the need in Alberta proved too strong and the transfer went through.

Rev. R. E. Spence followed Bro. Locke and by his friendship, good-fellowship and cheerful bright service kept the work going well during very trying times. At the end of his first year, he had to take forty-seven members by removal to other circuits from the membership roll, while in the second year twenty-two were similarly lost to our local church. Bro. Spence at the end of his four years' pastorate left many sincere friends.

He was followed by Rev. G. F. McCullagh, whose strong gospel sermons, his sincere love for, and faith in the Word of God, his devotion to duty, his ministrations to the sick and troubled, his faith in God during those most trying war times has been a constant benediction, blessing and inspiration. The Neepawa congregation considered itself peculiarly fortunate in having such a pastor as Bro. McCullagh to give it guidance during this dark period in the world's history.

Bro. McCullagh was followed by Rev. W. A. Cooke, D.D. Dr. Cooke had been the choice of the Q. O. B. for

"Greeting—To you of the Neepawa Methodist Church on this your 42nd Anniversary. How well I remember the pleasant Relation and Blessings received while I was in fellowship with you."

—G. R. Burkell, High Bluff, Man.

many years, so there was considerable satisfaction when circumstances were such that he was able to come. When he did come he proved himself to be a splendid type of Christian gentleman, a wise counsellor and a loyal friend. A member of a neighbor church in town remarked that it was as good as a sermon to see Dr. Cooke on the street. This, in a measure, summed up the impression and influence Dr. Cooke had on all who knew him, a man indeed whose personality commanded the admiration and respect of all. The members and adherents of this Church enjoyed a great privilege in being associated with him in Church fellowship and friendship for four years, the influence of which has made an impression on many, many lives which has been, and will continue to be a help and blessing and a source of pleasant remembrance. It was during his pastorate the pipe organ now in use was purchased and installed.

Dr. Cooke was followed in 1923 by our present pastor, Rev. R. G. Pritchard, who came to us from Transcona. Bro. Pritchard is proving himself to be a good successor to a good man (not always an easy task). The Church has been well filled at all services, and many times to about capacity. Last winter the gallery floor was raised and supplied with comfortable seats, thus adding about 75 to the seating capacity of the Church. We trust that the size of the congregations this year will also necessitate the use of this extra accommodation, and we look forward with faith and confidence to a year of successful endeavor in all lines of Church work.

What Church Union has in store for us, time alone will tell, but a great many love our Church, and would like to keep the congregation together in the worship and service of God.

We are very fortunate in having a panel of photographs of all our pastors from Rev. G. K. B. Adams to and including our present pastor. And as we look at these pastors photographs from Sunday to Sunday we feel proud of their work, of their love and friendship and are encouraged to press onward and upward that we may meet again in the celestial church to which they so often turned our thought and desire. Many of them have crossed the dividing line and have gone to their reward, and will have a welcome awaiting us as we gather one by one. For all they have done we sincerely thank God.

A memorable day in the musical history of the

Inseparable Relationship—"We are laborers together with God. Ye are God's Husbandry. I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and Your God."

—N. Peters, Oak River, Man.

Church was January 30th, 1921. On that day the pipe organ was dedicated and officially opened for service, replacing the two manual and pedal reed organ, which had done valiant, if somewhat inefficient, service for years. It has two manuals and pedals, and seventeen stops—quite a baby as organs go, but amply powerful enough for the building, and is of a pleasing soft and sweet tone.

When the organ arrived, the men of the congregation took off their coats and worked hard at their job of setting it up, under the direction of T. H. Platts, an expert who came from Toronto to instal it. They were more than surprised and delighted to see the instrument growing under their hands from what appeared to be—to the uninitiated—a meaningless heap of unrelated parts.

In connection with the erection of the organ, special mention should be made of the services of J. W. Marnier, T. H. Hannay and the late R. A. Davidson, who gave splendid assistance in the assembling of the instrument.

The organ has given great satisfaction and pleasure to all ever since its installation and should continue to do so for years to come.



"It is my prayer that your love may be more and more rich in knowledge and all manner of insight, enabling you to have a sense of what is vital."

—Rev W. A. Cooke, Brandon, Man.

"The years pass swiftly but the great things of life are held in memory. Time reveals the true values of motives as well as deeds. Well for us all if we discover before the shadows lengthen that the only thing in life that really matters, that is really worth while is—Love, Divine and Human. "And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three but the greatest of these is love."

—Rev. F. B. Stacey, Chilliwack, B. C.



N. Churchill



B. R. Hamilton



Fred Leach

The Neepawa Methodist Sunday School

The pioneers of our church in this district recognizing the great importance of the Sunday School in Community Life, held the organization meeting of the first school in Neepawa in the office of the late M. H. Fieldhouse in the spring of 1882, which was carried on as a Union School with Mr. Nathaniel Churchill as Superintendent. When later the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches organized their own schools, Mr. Churchill continued as our Superintendent, filling that important position till 1888, doing the pioneer work and laying a sure foundation.

The School Records reveal such names as M. H. Fieldhouse, Milton Halpenny, Wesley Halpenny, Jasper Halpenny, Mrs. Geo. Brownell, John Law, Geo. Hamilton, C. H. Mathers, Jas. Davidson, Frank Davidson, Edward Turner, Eva Desbrisay, Mrs. Grant, Grace Crawford, J. Skelding and B. R. Hamilton, who were the teachers and officers at that time.

Mr. B. R. Hamilton was elected as Mr. Churchill's successor and under his leadership the school grew in numbers and service until December 1904, when on account of ill-health he was forced to resign after sixteen years of faithful service. He was presented with a large group photo of the school staff of 1904, a cut of which appears in this booklet, and was made Life Honorary Superintendent as a token of esteem in which he was held by the members of the school.

Besides those appearing in the group and associated as officer or teacher during his term of office we note—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Mathers, J. B. Mathers, J. H.

"I look back with pleasure and thankfulness to my association with Neepawa Methodism and to the fact that I was a member of the building committee that had charge of the erection of the Brick Church."

—W. T. Reid, New Westminster, B. C.



Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Ireland, Miss A. Bristow, J. Marriott, Mrs. Jas. Brandon.
 Miss Orpha Hamilton, Mrs. W. Howatt, Miss Edna McGill, Mrs. Jas. McIntosh, Miss L. Rutledge.
 Jas. McIntosh, Mrs. E. E. Reisberry, B. R. Hamilton, Miss E. Fielding, Rev. W. Bridgman.
 Miss Cassie Harrison, E. E. Riesberry, Fred Leach, Miss Hattie Reid.
 Mrs. J. Cochran, Miss M. McIntosh, Miss B. Davidson, C. W. Wickett, Mrs. V. Slater.

"The five years since I left your Beautiful Town and Lovely Church have passed like a vacation. I hear about your continued activity, and think of your wonderful Anniversary occasions with pleasure. My Prayer is that all departments of your work, may be carried on under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with Zeal, then without doubt your, "Labor will have sure reward."

—Rev. G. F. McCullagh, Immigration Hall, Winnipeg, Man.

Hamilton, Wentworth Brown, Delbert Thurston, Kate Crawford, Annie Vance, Lily Hamilton, W. T. Reid, F. L. Davis, Mrs. J. H. Howden, R. H. Fusee, May Robinson, Mrs. R. C. Ennis, Mrs. R. T. Butchart, B. F. Hartley, Miss Stratten, Esma Fieldhouse, Harry Reid, Ed. Kirk, Miss Scarth, Monica Evoy, Ida Crittenden.

Fred Leach, who filled the position as Assistant Superintendent for three years, was elected as Superintendent and took office January 1st, 1905, and has been re-elected each year since, thus completing in December of this year, twenty years continuous service as Superintendent of the school.

Like so many towns in Manitoba we suffered from the continuous change in the personnel of the workers, so many going to British Columbia and other towns in the west, and during the last twenty years these names appear on the records as officers or teachers—Mrs. J. H. Davidson, F. C. Vickery, Jno. Hancock, May Hancock, Mrs. A. Greentree, Mrs. S. B. McKee, Gertie Reid, Mary Ritchie, Edith Brown, Nellie Fusee, Alvin Mathers, Ruby Simpson, Miss Clare Boulton, Geo. Faryon, C. C. Ward, Gertie Law, Miss Wilson, A. J. Bell, Miss Cooksley, Oran Mills, A. B. Fallis, Vera Peters, Mrs. W. G. Harrison, Ethel Ducklow, Mrs. T. E. Adams, W. T. Shipley, Gertie Campbell, W. E. Fusee, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Miss Belton, E. T. Sirett, Ethel Hill, Willard Fusee, Marjory Davis, Amy Sirett, Ethel Davidson, Della Reid, Benson Peters, Mrs. L. P. Parsons, Mrs. E. B. Carter, Mrs. Speers, Dr. J. R. Martin, Miss Claxton, G. W. Martin, Mrs. G. F. McCullagh, Annie Orton, Laura Kilpatrick, Webster Davis, Mrs. Wilfred Rutledge, Mrs. V. F. Chalmers, Mrs. W. A. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. N. King, C. Fryer, Winnie Thompson, Edith Wyatt, Olive Peters, Rhona Peters, Hazel Kellington, Mrs. F. E. Palmiter, Mrs. H. D. McLaren, Mrs. Fred. Tomlin, Eva Vickery, Annie Fusee, Isobel Howden, Mrs. A. Cowie, Mrs. Geo. Faryon, Enid Card, Agnes Grant, Dorothy Parsons, Mary Parsons, Alice Parsons, Mrs. C. Kerr, Mrs. H. S. Stead, Margaret Jackson, Mrs. A. E. Martin, Hazel McKee, Edith Cochran, Irwin Cowie, Mrs. V. Stonhouse, F. Spackman, S. Berg, Leslie Harvey, Byrle Sirett, Minnie Ego, Gladys Patterson, Reta Kerr, Merle Kellington, Alex. Howden, E. Bailey.

Many not mentioned above gave of their talents from time to time to fill in vacancies when asked and

"If you can get the young people to see in this new era the glory of a life of service, to use their skill "to guide bewildered folk, eager to serve but knowing not how, into wise uses of some new power that mankind possesses," you will be helping to solve, through them, the problems of the world."

—Rev. F. W. Locke, Olds, Alberta.

time only will reveal the fruit gathered from the seed sown by these faithful workers.

A good orchestra has been maintained for several years, the boys and girls of the school being the artists, the music of which is a great help to the services.

Several who were workers in the early period of the school are still actively engaged in helping to carry on, and judging from letters received from many who were in the school, but now live elsewhere, they have not grown weary in well-doing, but are carrying out the lessons learned in the Neepawa Methodist Sunday School, where by the grace of God, Christian lives are moulded.



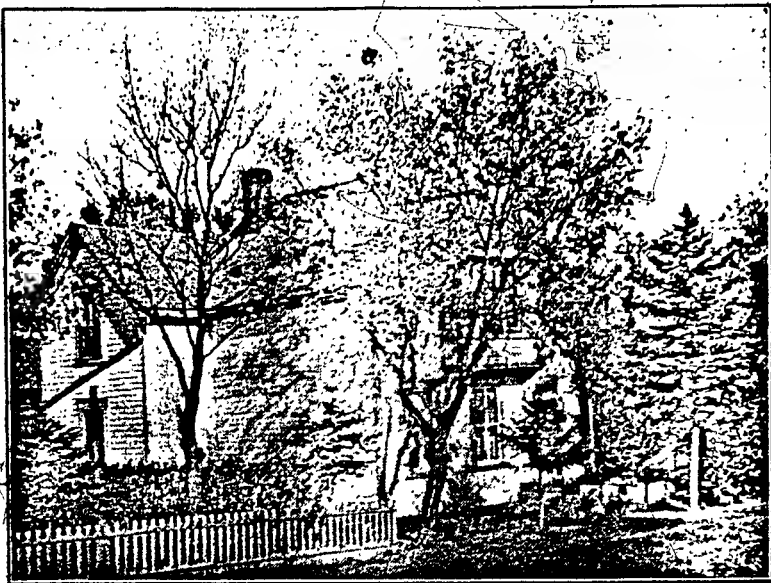
J. R. Martin, M. D.
Envelope Steward 1916-1924

"Forty-three years of Service upholding Methodist Traditions, sound religion, moral and social welfare, true citizenship, Fraternity and Brotherhood, records a permanent influence for good in the Community. Such has been the work of the Neepawa Methodist Church."

—B. R. Hamilton, Vancouver, B. C.

"It is a real joy to express my gratitude for the abiding worth of the truths learned in my youth in the Neepawa Methodist Church and Sunday School."

—Rev. W. T. Halpenny, 126 Delaroché St., Montreal.



The Neepawa Parsonage

NOTES BY THE WAY

A history of this Church would be incomplete without a reference to two of the Auxiliary Organizations which have occupied an important place in the Church's work. We refer to the Women's Missionary Society, and the Ladies Aid Society. The former was organized on March 20th, 1896 by Miss Hargrave, of Winnipeg, a missionary to Japan who now holds a record of 25 years service in that country. The organization has been very active during all the years down to the present, and is still doing enthusiastic and efficient work. The Ladies Aid Society has always been ready to respond to repeated calls and besides meeting obligations necessary in the upkeep of the parsonage, has given during the last four years \$1,600.00 to current expenditures and \$900.00 to the organ fund. Their special sources of revenue, have been bazaars, teas, and the "National Dinner" which has become famous throughout the district.

A comparison of the statistics of the Sunday School now and forty years ago makes interesting reading. In the year 1885 the average attendance per Sunday was 37 and the total collections for School Purposes was \$14.60. In the year just closed (1923) the average attendance was 144 and the total collections amounted to \$281.48, for the local work.

Extract from minutes of Trustee Board meeting, Oct. 25th, 1886. Motion—"That Master-Johnny Marriott be employed as caretaker, at a salary of \$30.00, his duties to be to light and clean and fire for all services. Carried."

(Note—Mr. Marriott has served continuously as caretaker from that time to the present.)



Rev. R. G. Pritchard

Rev. R. G. Pritchard, the present pastor of the Church, was born near Markdale, in Grey County, Ontario. About the year 1896 he was licensed as a local preacher from the Church at Markdale. After attending Albert College at Belleville, for a term, he came west in July, 1900, and served on the Glen Adelaide and White-wood Fields in what is now Saskatchewan, and at Treherne, Man. He graduated from Wesley College in 1906, and in June of that year was ordained at Neepawa. In July of the same year he was married to Miss Edna Hazlewood, of Treherne. Since that time she has been his faithful helper as he has continued his ministry on the following circuits:—Minto, Oakville, Emerson, St. James (Winnipeg), Greenwood (Winnipeg), Transcona and Neepawa.

"Heartiest greetings and good wishes to the Methodist friends at Neepawa. I am glad you remembered me among your pastors of yesterday though for so short a time, for my recollections of your kindly treatment of one but recently from the Old Land are very pleasant."

—Rev. T. Jackson Wray, Cupar, Sask.

"The dreams of life in distant fields are not what we dream them to be. The Neepawa Church and friends helped to make my life what it is."

—Fred. C. Vickery, Le Pas, Man.



Rev. F. L. Dimmitt, D. D.

Pastor of Broadway Methodist Church, Winnipeg, preacher on the occasion of the Anniversary Services, November 16th, 1924.

Morning Service—

Organ Prelude
 Doxology
 Lord's Prayer in Unison
 Hymn—No. 195
 Prayer
 Anthem—"I Heard the Voice of
 Jesus Say" (*Rathbun*)
 Responsive Reading
 Offertory
 Solo—"If with all your hearts"
 MR. I. LORD
 Hymn—No. 350
 Sermon—
 "The Unknown Helpers"
 REV. DR. DIMMITT
 Prayer
 Hymn—No. 151
 Benediction
 Postlude

Evening Service—

Organ Prelude
 Doxology
 Invocation
 Hymn—No. 56
 Prayer
 Anthem—"I will lay me down in
 Peace" (*Noble*)
 Scripture Reading
 Offertory
 Solo—
 "Fear not ye, O Israel"
 MRS. T. H. HANNAY
 Hymn—No. 188
 Sermon—
 "The Divine Imminence"
 REV. DR. DIMMITT
 Prayer
 Anthem—"Hallelujah Chorus"
 Hymn—No. 226
 Benediction
 Postlude

In Remembrance

- CURRIE, WILLIAM**—Trustee and Class Leader until time of death. A few still remain who remember his efficiency as leader.
- DAVIDSON, ISAAC**—A Class Leader, who was a regular attendant at prayer meeting and a lover of the Scripture.
- DAVIDSON, J. A.**—A member of the First Trustee Board, which position he held until his death. He was always liberal with his money toward this Church.
- DAVIDSON, J. H.**—Society Representative.
- DAVIDSON, MRS. DR. ALLEN**—President Woman's Missionary Society, and Bible Class Teacher of rare ability.
- DAVIDSON, R. A.**—Trustee and Steward, who came to Neepawa from Gordon appointment, and who gave unstintingly of his time and means to help the work of this Church.
- DICKLOW, JOHN**—Held the position of Society Representative while residing in Neepawa.
- FIELDHOUSE, M. H.**—The first Recording Steward of the Methodist Church in Neepawa, which position he held until failing health forced him to resign. He was also a Trustee from the Organization of the Church until his death. The Church is largely indebted to him for the history of the early Church in this part of the Country which appears in this booklet.
- FORSYTHE, JOHN**—An old Ontario local preacher. His license was renewed from year to year by the Neepawa Board until his death.
- HARRISON, THOS.**—One of the leading Stewards of the Board during his long residence in Neepawa. An old type Methodist, a lover of the Class-meeting, and Wesley's Hymns. Was always ready to give a reason for the hope that was in him.
- HOWATT, WM.**—Was converted in the Salvation Army and later joined the Methodist Church, where he held the position of Class-leader up to the time of his sudden call to membership in the Church triumphant.
- HALPENNY, RICHARD**—A Steward of this Church from its organization until his removal to Ontario a few years before his death. His steady Christian life and character are reflected in his family.
- LEE, EDWARD**—An old country local preacher and Class-leader, who had a real experience in religious life and was able to efficiently tell the story of Gospel's power to save. His license as local preacher and Class-leader were renewed yearly by this Board until he removed to British Columbia to reside, a few years before the end of his life.
- MATHERS, C. H.**—One of the early Board members. Not only a member of the Q. O. B. but also a very efficient Bible Class teacher and Sunday school worker. He always used his position as Editor of the First Newspaper printed in Neepawa to further the cause of Prohibition and sound morality.
- MURDOCK, JAMES**—A Trustee and Steward during his residence in Neepawa where he passed away to his reward. A great lover of the musical part of the Church service, giving of his talent gladly to the work of the Choir. One who was not afraid to state his convictions on any moral question.
- McFEETERS, JOHN**—Who passed away just as this was going to press, was a valued member of the Church and served as Society Representative on the Official Board.
- McGILL, J. A.**—For a number of years occupied the position of Steward. His sound judgment and financial ability was much appreciated by his fellow members.
- PETERS, BENSON**—Society Representative for a number of years, who also held the position of Assistant Sunday School superintendent at the time of his death.
- SHIPLEY, W. T.**—When occupying position of Principal of the Public School, was a member of the Choir, and was also elected Envelope Steward where he served efficiently for some time.
- SMALE, JOHN**—For years occupied a place on the Quarterly Board as local preacher and Class-leader. A strong temperance worker and enthusiastic Methodist of the early type.
- SIRETT, W. F.**—Came to Neepawa from the Glendale circuit and immediately threw in his lot with the Neepawa Church, accepting responsibility in its financial work and was elected Communion Steward, which position he honorably filled during the remainder of his lifetime.
- SKELJING, JAMES**—For a number of years was Society Representative until he removed to Vancouver.

The members of the present Board on behalf of themselves and the Congregation in respectful memory and gratitude, gladly give a place in this Souvenir Booklet to our honored dead, who in the trying times of years gone by, gladly gave of their means and time, that we who now follow them might be possessors of some of the things that are really worth while.

"Their Works Do Follow Them."



Honor Roll, Neepawa Methodist Church

†Barlow, J.
Baxter, J. A.
Baxter, Thornton

Cunningham, Jas. A.
Chudley, J. B.
Chudley, A. C.

Dodge, A. T.
*Downs, Geo. J.
†Doland, Wm. E.
Drayson, Percy Wm.
*Davis, Webster
Drayson, Charles D.

Farrell, Geo. F.
Farrell, W. J.
*Farrell, Thos. E.

Grassie, Morley J.
*Greentree, Bernhardt
*Gibson, Joseph R.
Gerow, Clifford S.

Howden, James Mc.
Hockin, Heber
Hart, Charles W.
†Hart, George
†Hart, Wallace
Howatt, Jas. R.
*Howden, Reid R.
†Haskin, Fred
*Hearn, W. H.
Hamilton, Beman P.
*Hockin, A. B.

Kerr, J. Harry
Kerr, Fred

Lloyd, Frank M.
*Lloyd, Richard H.
†Leppard, Roy E.
*Lord, John L.
Lord, Ernest
*Leach, Harold
Lord, F.

Murphy, Thos. G.
Mathers, Aubrey
*Martin, G. Harold

McKee, Hugh J.
o McKee, Hugh
McCullagh, John P.
McCullagh, Karl
McCallum, Lawrence
McLelland, R.
McMinn, Gilbert
McCullagh, Eric M.

†Newton, John W.
†Putterell, J.
†Peters, Vernon O.
†Pearase, Leslie
Pettitt, S.

Reid, Clayton
Rutledge, Carman C.
Reece, John C.
*Roberts, G. W.
Roe, Stafford
*Reid, Frederick

Saxon, A. J.
*Sutton, T. W.
Simpson, R.
Simpson, John
Smith, John H.
Sheen, Bert
Smart, William
Sirett, E. T.
Shuker, W. Cecil

Tuck, L. E. (Nursing Sister)
Thompson, Herbert
Thompson, R. G.
Thompson, Chas. R.
Thornbury, Victor
Thomson, Joseph
Thompson, Clifford

Whiteman, W. L.
Young, Len.

†—Wounded and Returned.
*—Killed in Action.





CHURCH STATISTICS

The Methodist Church of Canada, which also includes Newfoundland, reports in its 1924 Year Book, the following statistics:—

Ministers and Probationers in its ranks total 2,475, while 4,797 preaching places are given service.

The Church Membership is 410,952 and the givings for Church purposes total \$9,624,382. There are reported 3,807 Sabbath Schools with 43,333 officers and teachers and 351,633 pupils. From the ranks of the Sabbath School 10,438 came into Church Membership during the year.

The Church Property is reported only every four years and at last report, 1922, the value of Church Property held by the Methodist Church was \$45,950,973, while its Churches provided seating capacity for 868,839 persons.



Wesley College

LADIES' RESIDENCE

Our aim is to provide a residence for those who come to Wesley College to receive higher education. The residence is supervised by a woman who is admirably fitted for the position by training, experience and temperament. In the dining room good wholesome meals are served at regular hours. The rates for room and board are placed at such a reasonable rate as to be within the reach of all. Accommodation is provided for 60 students.

MEN'S RESIDENCE

Is in a separate building but the men and women meet in a common dining room. The intimate contact with the brightest young minds in the province is in itself an education for the young man. The residence is in charge of a Dean holding credentials from one of the best universities in the Old Land. It is the aim of the administration to make the residence life thoroughly wholesome. The basis of the rate for board and room is \$7.65 per week.

ATHLETICS

Provision is made for exercise for both men and women. Football, hockey, curling, track teams are organized. There is an annual sports day. Tournaments in different sports are held. Intercollege contests take place. One of the largest open rinks in Western Canada is on the grounds including two standard hockey rinks. On this students have free skating.
